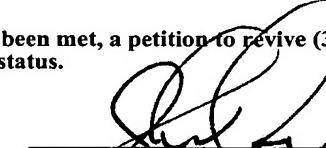


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| FORB-PTO-1390 (Modified)<br>(REV. 11-2000)   |  | U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE |  | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER<br><b>43521-2300</b>                  |
| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br>CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371   |  |   |  | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (IF KNOWN, SEE 37 CFR<br><b>10/507258</b> |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br><b>PCT/JP03/003037</b>  | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br><b>13.03.2003</b> | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br><b>14.03.2002</b>              |  |  |
| TITLE OF INVENTION<br><b>STRESS MEASURING METHOD AND STRESS MEASURING DEVICE</b>   |  |   |  |  |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US<br><b>Giuseppe Pezzotti</b>  |  |   |  |  |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:  |  |   |  |  |
| <p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (24) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c) (2))<br/>       a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).<br/>       b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.<br/>       c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</p> <p>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).<br/>       a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.<br/>       b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))<br/>       a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).<br/>       b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.<br/>       c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.<br/>       d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).</p> <p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409).</p> <p>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).</p> |  |   |  |  |
| <b>Items 13 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b>   |  |   |  |  |
| <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>15. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <b>FIRST</b> preliminary amendment.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> preliminary amendment.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825.</p> <p>20. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>21. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Express Mail Label No. <u><b>EV338055934US</b></u></p> <p>23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:</p> <p><b>Copy of PCT Published Application, form PCT/IB/306 (three)</b></p>  |  |   |  |  |

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| 24. The following fees are submitted:  |    | <b>CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY</b>                 |  |
| <b>BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) - (5)) :</b>   |    |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... \$1080.00                     |    |  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... \$920.00   |    |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO ..... \$770.00   |    |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... \$730.00  |    |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... \$100.00  |    |  |  |
| <b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =</b>  |    | \$920.00   |  |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (e)).   |    | □ 20      □ 30                                   | \$0.00                                 |
| <b>CLAIMS</b>  |    | <b>NUMBER FILED</b>                              | <b>NUMBER EXTRA</b>                    |
| Total claims   | 61 | - 20 =   | 41                                     |
| Independent claims   | 6  | - 3 =  | 3                                      |
| Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable).   |    | ☒  |  |
| <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>   |    | <b>\$2,206.00</b>                                |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.   |    | \$0.00   |  |
| <b>SUBTOTAL =</b>  |    | <b>\$2,206.00</b>                                |  |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (f)).  |    | □ 20      □ 30                                   | + \$0.00                               |
| <b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>  |    | <b>\$2,206.00</b>                                |  |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31) (check if applicable).  |    | ☒  |  |
| <b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>   |    | <b>\$2,246.00</b>                                |  |
|  |    | Amount to be:<br>refunded                        | \$                                     |
|  |    | charged  | \$                                     |
| a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.  |    |  |  |
| b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>19-2814</u> in the amount of <u>\$2,246.00</u> to cover the above fees.   |    |  |  |
| c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>19-2814</u>  |    |  |  |
| d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form.</b> Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. |    |  |  |
| <b>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</b>   |    |  |  |
| SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:  |    |  |  |
| <p>Joseph W. Price, Esq.<br/>Reg. No. 25,124<br/>SNELL &amp; WILMER LLP<br/>1920 Main Street, Suite 1200<br/>Irvine, CA 92614</p> <p>Customer No. 21611</p> <p>Tel: 949-253-4920<br/>Fax: 949-955-2507</p>   |    |  |  |
| <br><b>SIGNATURE</b><br><p>Joseph W. Price</p> <p>NAME</p> <p>25,124</p> <p>REGISTRATION NUMBER</p> <p>September 10, 2004</p> <p>DATE</p>                                |    |  |  |